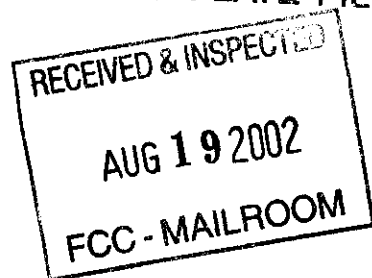


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October 19, 2001

Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Gallatin Development Corporation is the local group dedicated to supporting the creation of good paying jobs in clean industries in Bozeman and the surrounding area. We currently have several technology businesses in our area, but we need to continue to grow this economic sector since it provides good paying jobs, hires students from Montana State University, and creates low impacts on the environment.

Many of these companies rely on telecommunications services either as the base of their business or in order to conduct their business, so we are always interested in issues that will improve services and/or reduce costs. We understand Qwest plans to apply to the FCC to re-enter the long distance market and we believe another competitor providing these services will bring advantages to our existing businesses and our recruiting activities.

We encourage your approval of Qwest's application. More competition among telecommunication service providers will be good for business in Gallatin County as well as the rest of Montana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia Bradshaw".

Alicia Bradshaw  
Executive Director

cc: Rick Hays - Qwest

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